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Inside Transportation News is a vehicle for sharing relevant information with transportation and planning professionals and other National Park Service partners.

Federal Lands Transportation Training Conference – Sean Furniss, U.S Fish & Wildlife Service



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration are hosting a [transportation training conference](#) at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia on August 29-30, 2006. This conference will describe SAFETEA-LU transportation programs, and how these programs can benefit public lands and their neighboring communities. The agenda consists of three plenary sessions and five breakout sessions on planning, transportation programs, resource issues, and public use. The Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and U.S. Forest Service are cooperating agencies for the conference.

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning – Jody McCullough, Federal Highway Administration



The summer edition of "[Transportation Planning Update](#)" prepared by the Office of Planning, Environment & Right of Way highlights the notice of proposed rulemaking on statewide and metropolitan transportation planning and programming and congestion management processes/ systems. The notice was published in the June 9, 2006 Federal Register. Comments must be received on or before September 7, 2006.

Save the Date – Upcoming Webcast on Alternative Practices for Highway Stormwater Management: Design, Construction and Maintenance, Part One



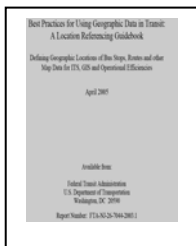
Register now for the Izaak Walton League's webcast to be held on September 21st from 1:00-2:30pm EDT. [This broadcast](#) will give design and construction engineers and maintenance supervisors detailed information about how to apply stormwater management techniques that use existing rights of way immediately adjacent to the roadway. Part Two will air on October 26th. The webcast series is sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Federal Highway Administration.

Statewide Transportation Planning: Making Connections Conference Proceedings – Katherine F. Turnbull, Texas Transportation Institute



Transportation Research Board's Circular E-C099, ["Statewide Transportation Planning: Making Connections"](#) includes the presentations, resource papers, and summaries of views expressed by speakers, panelists, and participants at the May 2003 conference held in Florida. The presentations, breakout sessions, and informal discussions held during the conference focused on how to improve the planning process by making connections in the political process, to customers, with programming, and between transportation systems and other types of plans.

The Reference Section – Best Practices for Using Geographic Data in Transit: A Location Referencing Guidebook



At the request of the transit industry, the Federal Transit Administration developed a guidebook for transit managers and technical staff on planning, implementing and using geographic data in transit. [The guidebook](#) presents issues and best practices for defining and using geographic locations of bus stops, routes and other map data to implement Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Geographic Information Systems, and to obtain operational efficiencies. Section 2, titled "Roadmap for Managers," discusses nine steps for managers that will help the operation of transit by improving spatial data usage in analyses, maps, customer information, and ITS applications.

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